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Applicant : Li, et al.

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For : COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR
TREATING THE OVER-PRODUCTION
OF MUCIN IN DISEASES SUCH AS
OTITIS MEDIA USING AN INHIBITOR
OF MUC5AC

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Dear Sir:

1. I am an inventor on the above-identified Application and am familiar with the specification and prosecution history thereof.
2. I have extensive experience in the field of the claimed invention as indicated in the attached Curriculum Vitae provided herewith as Exhibit A.
3. The claimed method of inhibiting overexpression of the *MUC5AC* gene by an inhibitor of p38 MAP kinase is described in the above-identified Application. In the Application we described in Figure 5B that a specific inhibitor of p38 MAP kinase, pyridinylimidazole